reserved for a candidate from the Scheduled Tribes category could not be filled up, since neither the Staff Selection Commission nor the Central Employment Exchange could recommend a suitable candidate. Efforts to fill up the post by inviting applications through advertisement have also not borne any fruit. The third post is located at Bombay and no officer has been nominated by the recruiting authority for appointment at Bombay.

(c) No definite indications can be given in this respect

(d) The post against which a case is pending before the Central Administrative Tribunal will be filled up after the case is decided by the Tribunal. The post reserved for a candidate from the Scheduled Tribes category is being readvertised and applications are also being invited through personal contacts. It will be filled up after the applications are examined and selection is made. For the post at Bombay, efforts are on to fill the post by locating suitable and qualified person.

Import of technology

401. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of technologies imported from foreign countries during the last two years alongwith the names of these foreign countries;

(b) total expenditure incurred in imports; and

(c) the estimated cost of technology to be imported during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) During the years 1985 and 1986, there were a total of about 2000 agreements between India and foreign countries for technology transfer. Over 80 per cent of these agreements were with USA (21.6 per cent), Federal Republic of Germany (18.7 per cent), U.K. (14.2 per cent), Japan (11.1 per cent), Italy (5.85 per cent), France (5.15 per cent), Switzerland (3.75 per cent).

(b) The total amount of lumpsum payments approved during 1985 and 1986 was about Rs. 1000 crores.

(c) The estimated cost of technology imports during the next two years is likely to be of similar order of magnitude as in the last two years.

Passport offices in the country

402. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passports issued by the different regional passport offices in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total number of Passport Officers in the country till March 31, 1988 state-wise;

(c) the total strength of the staff of these Passport Offices till March 31, 1988; and

(d) whether there is any proposal before Government to open more regional passport offices or to increase the staff of Passport Offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The total number of passports issued by the different Regional Passport Offices in the country during the last 3 years is:

1985	10,84,923
1986	11,97,745
1987	10,29,795
TOTAL :	33,12,463

(b) There are 21 Passport Offices and 2 Passport Liaison Offices in different States. Besides, in the Union Territory of

Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Passports are issued to local residents by the Union Territory Administration. Their Statewise location is as under:

Andhra Pradesh	1	
Assam	1	
Bihar	1	
Goa	1	
Gujarat	1	
Himachal Pradesh	1	(Liaison Office)
Jammu & Kashmir	1	
Karnataka	1	
Kerala	3	(Two Passport Offices and one Passport Liaison Office)
Madhya Pradesh	1	
Maharashtra	1	
Orissa	1	
Punjab	2	
Rajasthan	1	
Tamilnadu	2	
Uttar Pradesh	2	
West Bengal	1	
Union Territory of Delhi	1	
Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	(Managed by the Union Territory Administration)

(c) 1,337 (includes 10 part-time).

(d) At present there is no proposal under consideration to open more Regional Passport Offices in the country. As regards increase in staff, some posts in the passport offices are vacant at present and action is being taken to fill the same.

Import of technology

403. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN :
SHRI M. A. BABY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the opinion of the Electronics Commission so far as the import of technology is concerned; and

(b) whether Government support the stand of the Electronics Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) In the document 'ELECTRONICS POLICY & GROWTH OBJECTIVES 1988—91' recently endorsed by the Electronics Commission, while the primary thrust is on supporting innovation and rewarding local enterprises, it is not considered that local Research Design and Development (RD&D) and import of technology are mutually exclusive. The policy recommends an approach wherein the local RD&D and import of technology are brought together closely to share their mutual strength and jointly improve their competitive edge worldwide. Selective approach in allowing technology import is also proposed in this document.

(b) The Electronics Policy document, which was recently endorsed by the Electronics Commission is currently being submitted to the Government for consideration and acceptance.

Amount to Andhra Pradesh for implementation of 20-point programme

404. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of money provided to Andhra Pradesh to accelerate the 20-Point Programme during the last three years;